Bar Harbor Comprehensive Plan
Outreach and Event Planning Subcommittee
Community Forum/Open House #1

MEETING NOTES

August 2, 2022

Remaining Input on Table Station Forms

- Minimize the use of jargon in discussion questions and materials unless we're educating participants on concepts/terms/etc.
- Manage expectations in the design of activities/questions.
- Not all populations in Bar Harbor are reflected in the demographic data available for the
 Existing Conditions Report. While there is value in acquiring additional, better data on
 housing, demographics, etc., focus the wording on any questions regarding data on how
 we can be inclusive of <u>all</u> stakeholders in the community (including those who are
 currently not well-represented in the existing conditions data).
- Avoid too much redundancy/repetition in the discussion questions among stations.
- Take advantage of the opportunity to educate the public about land use, town government, etc. at this event.
- Consider referencing housing data from prior Planning Board events.
- Consider the "big-picture" view of the stations. Design a cohesive, holistic, inclusive, and comprehensive event experience.
- Misha will ask Heather, the principal of Connors Emerson, if the school would like space for their own table at the event for their own materials, questions, etc.
- If the Comp Plan station questions reference school issues, keep them at the Comprehensive Plan scale.

Advertising

- Encourage the participation of not just residents at this event, but also other key partners, organizational representatives, employees that don't live in town, and others.
- Consider how we are going to invite key populations to the event, such as employees who commute off island.

Timeline Moving Forward

- RP&D will take the station forms and comments and create a draft list of materials, questions, and activities. Any questions that are dropped for the event will be kept in a separate file to be used for additional outreach activities (surveys, community conversations, etc.).
- RP&D will send the outreach subcommittee the draft list one week before the scheduled meeting with instructions on desired feedback.
- A Doodle Poll will be sent out by Steve F for the next meeting, which will be scheduled between August 29th and September 7th.

- Based on the feedback received at that meeting, RP&D will refine the list and will include it in the September CPC meeting packet.
- The fully formatted package of draft materials, maps, and posters will be generated by RP&D for review and discussion at the October CPC meeting.